in Tamil Nadu during this year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Primary Health Care Services in Rural areas are provided through a 3-tier system consisting of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

As on 30.6.99 there are 8682 Sub-centres, 1436 Primary Health Centres and 72 Community Health Centres functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Primary Health Centres are established, maintained and run by the State Govenments. Central Govenment allocates assistance to the State Government to meet part of its maintenance expenditure for Sub Centres only.

(b) to (d) State have been given Annual and Ninth Plan Target for the establishment of Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres & Sub-centres in consultation with the Planning Commission.

The target set up for Tamil Nadu on the basis of 1991 census are as follows:—

2000-2001	CHC-59 PHC - Nil Sub- Centres - Nil

The target for CHCs is 237 for Ninth Plan Period i.e. 1997-2002.

The targets are determined on the basis of population norms which are as follows:—

Centres	National Norms	
	General	Tribal
Sub centres	5000	3000
PHCs	30000	20000
CHCs	120000	80000

Committee for Population Policy

†3714. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been constituted by Government for new population policy; and

(b) if so, the details of members of the committee so constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (b) The National Population Policy 2000 provides for setting up of a National Commission on Population to be presided by the Prime Minister. This Commission is being constituted.

The members of this National Commission on Population will include Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories and the Cental Minister in charge of Department of Family Welfare and Central Ministers from other concerned Ministries and Despartments. Additionally, the National Commission on Population will also have other members, such as reputed demographers, public health professionals and NGOs. The National Commission on Population will oversee and review implementation of Policy. The secreatriat for the National Commission on Population will be provided by the Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Additionally, three other structures have been recommended in the National Population Policy, 2000. These are:

(i) State level Commissions on Population, headed by the Chief Minister.

(ii) A Coordination Cell within the Planning Commission.

(iii) A Technology Mission within Department of Family Welfare.

Epilepsy Expert in Rishikesh

3715. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a person claiming to be an expert in epilepsy in Rishikesh has been declared as quack by a term of Indian Medical Association;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against him;

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) A team of doctors was

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